

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/13/2006 & interview agreement on 04/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-27, 29-37,39 and 40 now, re-numbered as claims 1-37.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

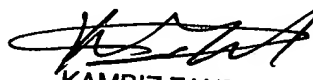
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date enclosed
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Elliot Kramsky on 04/17/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1

(Currently amended) A method for secured access to data in a network including an information center and a plurality of data area access systems in which permission to store said data and to define, at the information center, access rights of third parties to said data is limited to the owner of rights to said data, said method comprising the steps of:

a) in each case storing the data only once in one of said data area access systems not accessible to the owner of the rights; then

b) registering the presence of data of a certain type in each data area access system at said information center, followed by the owner of the rights to the

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stored data, [should he wish,] defining access rights of third parties to said data at said information center;

c) transmitting a list of the data present of a certain type, specifying the data area access system storing said data, from said information center to a requesting data area access system for which the access rights of said requesting data area access system correspond to the access rights defined at said information center for said data, and after a request of a requesting data area access system for data of said certain type wherein a data area access system storing data responds to a request for certain data of a certain type by a requesting data area access system by verifying the access rights through an inquiry to the information center as to whether the requesting data area access system has access rights to the certain data of a certain type; and then

d) directly transmitting said data of said certain type by said data area access system storing said data to said requesting data area access system subject to said data area access system storing said data having received a confirmation from said information center.

Claim 4

Cancelled.

Claim 25

(Currently amended) A system comprising:

a) a plurality of data area access systems, each having a secure data memory associated therewith; and

b) an information center, wherein (i) said system is configured and adapted such that entry of a piece of data into said system comprises a writing of said piece of data to a respective one of said secure data memories that can only be effected by an authorized user of the data area access system associated with the respective secure data memory and in conjunction with the authorization of an authorized user of said information center; (ii) said information center is configured and adapted for storing information that defines respective access rights for each piece of data entered into the system, (iii) said system is configured and adapted such that display and modification of the information defining the access rights to said entered piece of data is restricted to said authorized user of said information center, in conjunction with whose authorization said entry was effected, and (iv) said system is configured and adapted such that access to any piece of data entered into the system is restricted to those authorized users of the system having appropriate access rights as defined by said information for the piece of data to be accessed;

c) said system is configured and adapted such that in each case the data is stored only once in one of said data area access systems not accessible to the owner of the rights; and

d) one or more of said data area access systems are operable in a mode in which an authorized user of said information center who is not an authorized user of the respective data area access system can display and modify that part of said

information defining access rights that is not restricted from display and modification by them, yet cannot access any pieces of data entered into the system.

Claim 28

Cancelled.

Claim 37

(Currently amended) A system comprising:

- a) a plurality of data area access systems, each having a secure data memory associated therewith; and
- b) an information center, wherein
- c) said system is configured and adapted such that entry of a piece of data into said system comprises a writing of said piece of data to a respective one of said secure data memories that can only be effected by an authorized user of the data area access system associated with the respective secure data memory and in conjunction with the authorization of an authorized user of said information center, and
- d) said information center is configured and adapted for storing information that defines respective access rights for each piece of data entered into the system,
- e) said system is configured and adapted such that in each case the data is stored only once in one of said data area access systems not accessible to the owner of the rights, and

f) said system is configured and adapted such that display and modification of the information defining the access rights to said entered piece of data is restricted to said authorized user of said information center, in conjunction with whose authorization said entry was effected.

Claim 38

Cancelled.

Claim 40

(New) A system comprising:

- a) a plurality of data area access systems, each having a secure data memory associated therewith; and
- b) an information center, wherein
- c) said system is configured and adapted such that entry of a piece of data into said system comprises a writing of said piece of data to a respective one of said secure data memories that can only be effected by an authorized user of the data area access system associated with the respective secure data memory and in conjunction with the authorization of an authorized user of said information center,
- d) said information center is configured and adapted for storing information that defines respective access rights for each piece of data entered into the system,

e) said system is configured and adapted such that in each case the data is stored only once in one of said data area access systems not accessible to the owner of the rights, and

f) said system is configured and adapted such that access to any piece of data entered into the system is restricted to those authorized users of the data area access systems having appropriate access rights as defined by said information for the piece of data to be accessed.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this section can be found in the prior office action.

3. The prior office actions are incorporated herein by reference. In particular, the observations with respect to claim language, and response to previously presented arguments.

4. Claims 4, 28 and 38 have been cancelled.

5. Claims 1, 25 and 37 have been amended.

6. New claim 40 has been added.

7. Claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-37, 39 and 40, now re-numbered as claims 1-37 are pending.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 02/11/04 have been fully considered and they are persuasive in the light of the agreement reached in the interview conducted on

04/17/2006 with Applicant's attorney Mr. Kramsky (please see enclosed interview summary).

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-37, 39 and 40 are allowed.


Conclusion

10. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "comments on statement of reasons for allowance."

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kambiz Zand whose telephone number is 571-272-3811. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (8:00-5:00). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status

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